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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

IN RE:	) Chapter 11
•	) Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,	)
	) Jointly Administered
Debtors.	)

# RESPONSE OF HONORABLE PATSY HEFFNER, TAX COLLECTOR IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA ("TAX COLLECTOR") TO DEBTOR'S THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CLAIMS)

Comes now the Honorable Patsy Heffner, Tax Collector in and for Osceola County,

Florida ("Tax Collector"), and for her response to the Debtor's Thirty-Seventh Omnibus

Objection to Claims (Reduction of Certain Personal Property Tax Claims) (Docket #4613) states as follows:

- 1. The Claimant's Name is the Honorable Patsy Heffner, Tax Collector in and for Osceola County, Florida ("Tax Collector"). The amount of the claim filed is for 2009 personal property taxes assessed against the personal property of Circuit City Stores located at

  Kissimmee, Osceola County ,Florida, as of January 1, 2009.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a concise statement of Tax Collector, who is a person with personal knowledge of the relevant facts in support of this response, which statement

sets forth the reasons why the Bankruptcy Court should overrule the objection as to the Tax Collector's claim, which includes, without limitation the specific factual and legal basis upon which the claimant intends to rely in support of her response and her underlying claim.

- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of or identification of documentation supporting the Tax Collector's claim that the claimant presently intends to introduce into evidence in support of her claim at any hearing held on this objection. Claimant reserves the right to supplement this documentation at a later date if additional supporting documentation is obtained.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a Declaration of the Honorable Katrina

  Scarborough who is the Property Appraiser in and for Osceola County, Florida and as such has personal knowledge of the relevant facts that support this response.
- 5. The claimants address, telephone number, fax number and the claimant's attorney to whom the attorneys for the Debtor should serve a reply to the response are as follows:

The Hon. Patsy Heffner
Osceola County Tax Collector
2501 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy.
Kissimmee, Florida 34744
Phone: (407) 742-4000
Fax: (407) 742-4036

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6. The name, address, telephone number and fax number of the party to reconcile, settle or otherwise resolve the objection on the claimant's behalf is the attorney set forth above.

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Dated: September <u>/8</u>, 2009

Hon.Patsy Heffner, Tax Collector In and for Osceola County, Florida

By /s/ Paul S. Bliley, Jr.
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the <u>/s-ry</u> day of September 2009, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served by electronic means on the "2002" and "Core" lists and through the ECF system.

/s/ Paul S. Bliley, Jr. Paul S. Bliley, Jr.

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

I have personal knowledge as the Tax Collector for Osceola County, Florida, to the relevant facts in support of the Response of the Tax Collector to the Objection filed. The Court should overrule the Objection as to the claim of the Tax Collector, factually and legally.

The factual basis is as set forth in Exhibit C prepared by the Honorable Katrina Scarborough, Property Appraiser in and for Osceola County, Florida, who had appraised the Circuit City property upon which the Tax Collector, by law, must rely.

The legal basis is because Florida law in Section 197.332, Florida Statutes, restricts the Tax Collector to the collection of all taxes as shown on the tax roll. The tax roll, indicating the value of the property and the amount of tax assessed on such property, is prepared by the Property Appraiser as required in Section 192.011, Florida Statutes. This restriction on the Tax Collector's duties is provided further in the applicable rules prepared by the Florida Department of Revenue (which supervises both the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector in the state work performed locally in each county political subdivision), throughout Chapter 12D-13, Florida Administrative Code.

The Honorable Patsy Heffner Osceola County Tax Collector

## EXHIBIT B

Attached hereto is the preliminary roll and appraised values received by the Tax Collector from the Property Appraiser. Attached also is the documentation of the Property Appraiser as referenced in Exhibit C.

#### EXHIBIT C

Declaration of the Honorable Katrina Scarborough, Property Appraiser in and for Osceola County, Florida.

As the Property Appraiser in and for the Osceola County political subdivision, I appraise the value of property pursuant to state law and state rule and work under the supervision of the Florida Department of Revenue in this regard as provided in Section 195.002(1), Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 193.114, Florida Statutes, I prepared the Tangible Personal Property Tax Rolls for the year 2009 and upon certification in October 2009 will deliver such rolls to the Tax Collector in and for Osceola County, Florida.

The 2009 preliminary Tangible Personal Property Tax Rolls have been prepared by me and a certified copy of the TRIM Notice for 2009 is attached hereto.

The Honorable Katrina Scarborough Osceola County Property Appraiser

STATE OF FLORIDA/COUNTY OF OSCEOLA
ON DECH 10.7009 I ATTEST THAT THE
PRECEDING OR ATTACHED DOCUMENT
IS A TRUE, EXACT, COMPLETE AND
UNALTERED PHOTOCOPY OF 2009
NOTICE OF PROCESS THE OSCEOLA'
COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S
OFFICE AS THE ORIGINAL OF SUCH
PRESTRUMENT.

OLIGINAL
NOTARY SIGNATURE & SEAL



OSCEOLA COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITIES P O BOX 423427 KISSIMMEE FL 34742-3427

2009 TANGIBLE

P-00071521-0000

CIRCUIT CITY STORES INC ATIN TAX DEPT PO BOX 42304 RICHMOND VA 23242-2304 2009 NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTYTAXES AND PROPOSED OR ADOPTED NON-ADVALOREM ASSESSMENTS

<u>DO NOT PAY</u> THIS IS NOT A BILL

The taxing authorities which levy property taxes against your property will soon hold Public Hearings to adopt budgets and tax relies for the next year. The purpose of these Public Hearings is to receive opinions from the general public and to answer questions on the proposed tax change and budget Prior to Taking Final Action. Each taxing authority ray Amend or Alter its proposals at the hearing.

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TANGIBLE PERSONAL PR LCTN: 2551 OSCEDLA PKY W

COLUMN 1\*\* COLUMN 2™ COLUMN 3\*\* Your Taxes This Year If PROPOSED Budget Change is Made Your Taxes This Year If NO A Public Hearing On The Proposed Taxes And Budget Will Be Held: Property Taxes Last Year Taxable Value Budget Change Is Made Taxing Authority TVILLE COUNTY IN Sept 9, 5:05 PM 679,479 4,477.50 4,368.30 Oscenia Co 300 .00 1 Courthouse Square 596.45 83.92 EMER MED SRV SAVE OSCEOLA 679,479 679,479 .00 611.33 83.92 EXPUBLIC SCHOOLS AN SCH STATE LW 679.479 .00 3,509,51 4,191.03 Sept 8, 5:05 PM 2,033.00 817 Bill Beck Blvd. SCH-LOCAL BD 25 NUMERAUTIES HE WATER MAY AGE MENT 679,479 .00 199.83 Sept 9, 5:15 PM 3301 Gunn Club Rd. 679.479 60.75 679,479 SFWMD OKEE .00 190.05 219.68 EINDER MCENTERISTRACT TO VOTER APPROVED 679,479 .00 .00 .00 Sept 9, 5:05 PM 1 Courthouse Square 679,479 679,479 .00 THRARY DIST 316.84 316.84 \* Additional \$25,000 SAVE OSC DBT \* Senior Exemption \* Portability TOTALERORERIYDAXE 11,174.39 12,133.19 SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION

		Markel Value	Assessed Value	Exemptions	Base Taxable Value
	YOUR PROPERTY VALUE LAST YEAR: 2008	0	0	. 0	0
	YOUR PROPERTY VALUE THIS YEAR: 2009	704,479	704,479	25,000	679,479

\*\*"SAVE OUR HOMES" CAP VALUE: Does not apply to Tangible \*\*TAXES SAVED BY "SAVE OUR HOMES": Does not apply to Tangible

2505 East trio Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL, 34744 CUSTOMER SERVICE: 407-742-5020

➤ IF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE IS UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE MAYTER AS TO MARKET VALUE OR AN EXEMPTION, YOU MAY FILE A PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT WITH THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD: PETITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AND MUST BE FILED ON OR REFORE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

> YOUR FINAL TAX BILL MAY CONTAIN NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS WHICH MAY NOT BE REFLECTED ON THIS NOTICE SUCH AS ASSESSMENTS FOR ROADS, DRAINAGE, GARAGE, FRE, LIGHTING, WATER, SEVER, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES WHICH MAY BE LEVED BY YOUR COUNTY, OR NAY SPECIAL DISTRICT. Questions about non-ad valorem assessments should be directed to the Office of Management Budget at 407-742-7823.

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<sup>&</sup>gt; IF YOU FEEL THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS INACCURATE OR DOES NOT REFLECT FAIR MARKET VALUE, OR IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION THAT IS NOT REFLECTED ABOVE, CONTACT YOUR COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AT: